

Claims

1. A cleaning appliance of the cylinder type comprising a main body and a hose for carrying fluid to/from the main body, wherein guide means are located on the main body
5 for guiding the hose along a hose storage path which is a sinuous path around the periphery of the main body.

2. A cleaning appliance according to claim 1, wherein the height of the hose storage path, above a base of the main body, varies around the periphery of the main body.

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3. A cleaning appliance according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the main body comprises a pair of wheels which are mounted on the sides of the main body and wherein the guide means are located on the main body such that the hose storage path lies around at least part of the wheels.

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4. A cleaning appliance according to claim 3, wherein the guide means are located on the main body such that the hose storage path lies above the wheels.

5. A cleaning appliance according to claim 3 or 4, wherein the guide means are
20 located on the main body such that the hose storage path is closer to the base of the main body at the front and back of the main body, the hose storage path increasing in height from the base of the main body in the region of the wheels.

6. A cleaning appliance according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the
25 guide means are located on the main body such that the hose storage path extends once around the periphery of the main body.

7. A cleaning appliance according to any one of the preceding claims, further comprising a first connector for connecting a first end of the hose to the main body and a
30 second connector for connecting the second end of the hose to a wand, and wherein the

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first connector is located on the main body at a position which is adjacent the position of the second connector when the wand is retained on the main body such that the hose can be stored by wrapping the hose once around the entire periphery of the main body.

5 8. A cleaning appliance according to any one of claims 1 to 5, further comprising a first connector for connecting a first end of the hose to the main body and a second connector for connecting the second end of the hose to a wand, and wherein the first connector is located on the main body at a position which is at an opposite end of the main body to the position of the second connector when the wand is retained on the main
10 body such that the hose can be stored by wrapping the hose one and a half times around the entire periphery of the main body.

9. A cleaning appliance according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the guide means comprises a channel which extends at least part way around the periphery of
15 the main body and defines the hose storage path.

10. A cleaning appliance according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein at least part of the guide means can also retain the hose on the main body.

20 11. A cleaning appliance according to claim 10, wherein the guide means comprises a channel which extends at least part way around the periphery of the main body and at least one portion of the channel is arranged to retain the hose.

12. A cleaning appliance according to claim 11, wherein each end portion of the
25 channel is arranged to retain the hose.

13. A cleaning appliance according to claim 11 or 12, wherein the entire length of the channel is arranged to retain the hose.

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14. A cleaning appliance according to claim 10, wherein the guide means comprise at least one clip which is positioned along the hose storage path.

5 15. A cleaning appliance according to claim 14, wherein the clip is movable between a closed position, in which it retains the hose, and an open position in which it can receive or release the hose.

10 16. A cleaning appliance according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the guide means comprise a set of hooks which are positioned on the inside edge of changes in direction along the hose storage path.

17. A cleaning appliance according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the guide means are formed integrally with the main body.

15 18. A cleaning appliance according to any one of claims 1 to 16, wherein the guide means are removably mounted on the main body.

20 19. A cleaning appliance according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the hose has a length which is greater than the hose storage path around the main body, and wherein the hose comprises locating means for identifying the portion of the hose which is to be retained on the main body.

20. A cleaning appliance substantially as described herein with reference to the accompanying drawings.

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